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SUMMARY: FIFTH COMITE CONTINUED DEBATE ON THIS ITEM
MORNING OF NOV. 22, IT HEARD GENERAL STATEMENTS FROM
USSR, COSTA RICA, ZAIRE AND AFGHANISTAN DELS, WITH ALL
BUT SOVIETS SUPPORTING 35 POWER (BRAZILIAN) DRAFT
RES. ARGUMENT BETWEEN SOVIETS ON ONE HAND AND BRAZIL
AND ARGENTINA ON THE OTHER BROKE OUT OVER QUESTION OF
ASSESSMENTS OF BRAZIL, MEXICO AND SPAIN AND DISAGREEMENT OVER
CHARACTER AND EXTENT OF CONSULTATIONS. EXPLANATIONS OF
VOTE WERE THEN OFFERED BY LIBYA, TOGO, DEMOCRATIC YEMEN,
GHANA, ZAMBIA, SWAZILAND, LIBERIA AND SAUDI ARABIA DELS.

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1. SOVIET REP (SAFRONCHUK) DREW FROM SECRETARIAT PAPER (A/C.5/L.1138) IN WHICH HE ATTEMPTED TO SHOW BENEFITS TO 81 COUNTRIES UNDER SOVIET PROPOSAL. REMARKS HE MADE STIMULATED RETORT FROM DEMOTA OF BRAZIL WHO DENIED THAT HE HAD GIVEN PAPER TO USSR DEL SHOWING EXPECTED REDUCTION OF 70PERCENT IN ASSESSMENT FOR BRAZIL, MEXICO AND SPAIN. DEMOTA

ALSO POINTED OU THAT SOVIET DRAFT "SUBVERTS" ACCEPTED PRACTICE IN ASSIGNING ASSESSMENTS AND HE NOTED THAT USSR PROPOSAL WOULD PROVIDE UKRAINE, BYELORUSSIAN SSR, POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY AND BULGARIA COMPARATIVE REDUCTION IN UNEF ASSESSMENT OF APPROX HALF MILLION DOLLARS. SOVIETS PERSISTED IN DISCUSSION WHICH GENERATED FURTHER REPLIES FROM BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA, WHO POINTED OUT THAT EASTERN EUROPEANS WERE CONSULTED IN PREPARING NON-UALIGNED DRAFT.

2. SYG REP, ZIEHL, ANNOUNCED THAT SECRETARIAT INTERPRETED PARA 4 OF BRAZILIAN DRAFT RES AS AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND FUNDS BUT NOT APPROPRIATION. SPECIFIC ACTION WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN IN 1974.

3. IN GENERAL STATEMENTS COSTA RICA, ZAIRE AND AFGHANISTAN REPS OFFERED SUPPORT FOR L.1130/REV 1 IN VARYING DEGREES WITH COSTA RICAN ANNOUNCING SPECIFIC OPPOSITION TO CUBAN/YEMENI DRAFT AMENDMENT.

4. IN EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE, REPS OF LIBYA, DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, IRAQ AND SAUDI ARABIA BAROODY DECLARED THAT THEY WOQLD NOTE PARTICIPATE IN VOTEING ON UNEF. TOGOLESE DEL MADE STRONG STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF 35 POWER DRAFT RES AND CRITICIZED CUBAN/YEMENI AMENDMENT FOR EXEMPTING MAIN BENEFICIARIES OF UNEF. IF THOSE STATES ARE TO BE EXCUSED FROM ASSESSMENTS, HE ASKED, WHY NOT ALSO GIVE COMPLETE EXEMPTITN TO COUNTRIES SUFFERING FROM NATURAL DISASTERS? LIBERIAN DEL CITED CONCEPT OF COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY AS REASON FOR OPPOSING CUBAN/YEMENI AMENDMENT, OTHER AF'S DID NOT ADDRESS CUBAN/YEMENI AMENDMENTS. DELS OF GHANA, ZAMBIA AND SWAZILAND BACKED BRAZILIAN DRAFT ALTHOUGH SWAZILAND REP ARGUED UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT HIS COUNTRY SHOULD HAVE BEEN LISTED AMONG "LEAST DEVELOPED."

5. I
ISH REP CONSIDERED SOVIET DRAFT PARA (A/C.5/
L.1136) FOR INCLUSION IN FIFTH COMITE REPORT ARBITRARY

IN SETTING LIMIT ON REIMBURSEMENTS TO GOVERNMENTS PROVIDING

CONTINGENTS. HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD OPPOSE LANGUAGE.
GHANAIAAN REP SAID HE HOPED COMPROMISE COULD BE WORKED
OUT WITH SCANDINAVIANS ON SOCIET PROPOSAL.

6. ON PORTUGUESE AMENDMENTS, ALL AFRICANS WHO SPOKE
WERE IN OPPTSHION.HCLELAND OF GHA A SAID THAT HE
WOULD CALL FOR ROLLCALL VOTE ON PORTUGUESE AMENDMENTS.

7. SOVIET DEL
ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD MAKE STATEMENT
JUST BEFORE VOTING STARTS TOMORROW.

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